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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The twenty-third session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 10 to 28 January 2000. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 10 January 2000 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the twenty-third session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its twenty-third session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 13 to 17 September 1999.

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 2. Filling of casual vacancy and solemn declaration by the new member of the Committee

2. On 1 October 1999, Mrs. Nafsiah Mboi, Chairperson of the Committee, notified the Secretary-General that as of 9 October 1999 she could no longer perform her duties as a member of the Committee. In accordance with rule 14.4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee will consider for approval by secret ballot the name and the curriculum vitae of the expert appointed to serve the remainder of the term of the former member of the Committee. Once the appointment is approved, the new member of the Committee will be requested to make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

Item 3. Election of the officers of the Committee

3. In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Committee shall elect its officers for a term of two years. In this connection, the Committee may elect its Chairperson and, if needed, its other officers.

Item 4. Organizational and other matters

4. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 5. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

Reports received

5. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-third session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 6 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial reports:

State party	Due in	Symbol
Bhutan	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.60
Burundi	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.58
Cambodia	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.16
Central African Republic	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.18
Côte d'Ivoire	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.41
Comoros	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.13
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.57
Dominican Republic	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.40
Djibouti	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.39
Georgia	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.4
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.5
Kyrgyzstan	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.6
Latvia	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.22
Lesotho	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.20
Liechstenstein	1998	CRC/C/61/Add.1
Lithuania	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.21
Malta	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.56
Marshall Islands	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.12
Monaco	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.15
Oman	1999	CRC/C/78/Add.1
Palau	1997	CRC/C/51/Add.3
Qatar	1997	CRC/C/51/Add.5
Saudi Arabia	1998	CRC/C/61/Add.2
Slovakia	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.17
Suriname	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.11
Tajikistan	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.14
Turkey	1997	CRC/C/51/Add.4
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Isle of Man)	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.19
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (OverseasTerritories)	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.7
United Republic of Tanzania	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.14/Rev.1

6. The Secretary-General has also received the following periodic reports in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the twenty-third session:

State party	Due in	Symbol
Argentina	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.10
Belgium	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.2
Burkina Faso	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.17
Chile	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.13
Colombia	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.5
Denmark	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.6
Egypt	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.9
Ethiopia	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.7
Finland	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.3
Guatemala	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.10
Jordan	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.4
Lebanon	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.8
Norway	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.2
Paraguay	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.12
Portugal	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.11
Sudan	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.14
Tunisia	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.1
Ukraine	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.11
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.3

Reports due

7. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the States parties whose initial reports were due by 1 November 1999 but have not yet been received are listed below:

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Kenya	1 September 1992	6
Gambia	6 September 1992	6
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1992	6
Seychelles	6 October 1992	6
Brazil	23 October 1992	6

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Angola	3 January 1993	5
Malawi	31 January 1993	5
Guyana	12 February 1993	5
Bahamas	21 March 1993	5
Dominica	11 April 1993	5
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1993	5
Mauritania	14 June 1993	5
Israel	1 November 1993	5
Estonia	19 November 1993	5
San Marino	24 December 1993	5
Zambia	4 January 1994	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1994	4
Bahrain	14 March 1994	4
Albania	27 March 1994	4
Cape Verde	3 July 1994	4
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1994	4
Niger	29 October 1992	5[1]
Cameroon	9 February 1995	4
Republic of Moldova	24 February 1995	4
Papua New Guinea	31 March 1995	4
Greece	9 June 1995	4
Liberia	3 July 1995	4
Saint Lucia	15 July 1995	4
Turkmenistan	19 October 1995	4
Antigua and Barbuda	3 November 1995	4
Congo	12 November 1995	4
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	24 November 1995	4
Gabon	10 March 1996	3
Afghanistan	26 April 1996	3
Mozambique	25 May 1996	3
Uzbekistan	28 July 1996	3
Nauru	25 August 1996	3
Eritrea	1 September 1996	3
Kazakhstan	10 September 1996	3
Samoa	28 December 1996	3

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Malaysia	19 March 1997	2
Botswana	12 April 1997	2
Solomon Islands	9 May 1997	2
Haiti	7 July 1997	2
Swaziland	5 October 1997	2
Tuvalu	21 October 1997	2
Singapore	3 November 1997	2
Tonga	5 December 1997	2
Kiribati	9 January 1998	1
Niue	18 January 1998	1
Brunei Darussalam	25 January 1998	1
Andorra	31 January 1998	1
United Arab Emirates	1 February 1999	-

8. The States parties whose second periodic reports were due by 1 November 1999 but have not yet been received are listed below:

State party	Date due
Bangladesh	1 September 1997
Belize	1 September 1997
Benin	1 September 1997
Bhutan	1 September 1997
Ecuador	1 September 1997
El Salvador	1 September 1997
Ghana	1 September 1997
Guinea	1 September 1997
Holy See	1 September 1997
Kenya	1 September 1997
Mauritius	1 September 1997
Mongolia	1 September 1997
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1997
Senegal	1 September 1997
Sierra Leone	1 September 1997
Togo	1 September 1997
Viet Nam	1 September 1997
France	5 September 1997
Gambia	6 September 1997
Uganda	15 September 1997

State party	Date due
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1997
Philippines	19 September 1997
Indonesia	4 October 1997
Seychelles	6 October 1997
Zimbabwe	10 October 1997
Venezuela	12 October 1997
Nepal	13 October 1997
Mali	19 October 1997
Democratic Republic of the Congo	19 October 1997
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	20 October 1997
Brazil	23 October 1997
Romania	27 October 1997
Malta	29 October 1997
Namibia	29 October 1997
Niger	29 October 1997
Chad	31 October 1997
Barbados	7 November 1997
Burundi	17 November 1997
Grenada	4 December 1997
Pakistan	11 December 1997
Uruguay	19 December 1997
Angola	3 January 1998
Djibouti	4 January 1998
Panama	10 January 1998
Australia	15 January 1998[2]
Malawi	31 January 1998
Yugoslavia	1 February 1998
Guyana	12 February 1998
Rwanda	22 February 1998
Côte d'Ivoire	5 March 1998
Cyprus	8 March 1998
Maldives	12 March 1998
Bahamas	21 March 1998
Dominica	11 April 1998
Madagascar	17 April 1998

State party	Date due
Nigeria	18 May 1998
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6 June 1998
Jamaica	12 June 1998
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1998
Mauritania	14 June 1998
Slovenia	24 June 1998
Bulgaria	2 July 1998
Poland	6 July 1998
United Republic of Tanzania	9 July 1998
Dominican Republic	10 July 1998
Sri Lanka	10 August 1998
Myanmar	13 August 1998
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16 September 1998
Cuba	19 September 1998
Italy	4 October 1998
Croatia	7 October 1998
Israel	1 November 1998
Hungary	5 November 1998
Estonia	19 November 1998
Kuwait	19 November 1998
Republic of Korea	19 December 1998
San Marino	24 December 1998
Trinidad and Tobago	3 January 1999
Zambia	4 January 1999
Canada	11 January 1999
Lithuania	28 February 1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1999
Bahrain	14 March 1999
Albania	27 March 1999
China	31 March 1999
Germany	4 April 1999
Lesotho	8 April 1999
Thailand	25 April 1999
Latvia	13 May 1999
Central African Republic	23 May 1999

State party	Date due
Cape Verde	3 July 1999
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1999
Austria	4 September 1999
Azerbaijan	11 September 1999
Ireland	27 October 1999

9. Under this item, the Committee will have before it notes by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were respectively due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8), 1994 (CRC/C/11), 1995 (CRC/C/28), 1996 (CRC/C/41), 1997 (CRC/C/51), 1998 (CRC/C/61) and 1999 (CRC/C/78). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the list of States whose second periodic reports were due in 1997 (CRC/C/65), 1998 (CRC/C/70) or in 1999 (CRC/C/83), or are due in 2000 (CRC/C/93).

10. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/92), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.11).

Item 6. Consideration of reports of States parties

11. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the twenty-third session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 11 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	India	CRC/C/28/Add.10
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 12 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 13 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Sierra Leone	CRC/C/3/Add.43
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Friday, 14 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Costa Rica	CRC/C/65/Add.7
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Monday, 17 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	The former Yugoslav	CRC/C/8/Add.36
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Republic of Macedonia	"
Tuesday, 18 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	South Africa	CRC/C/51/Add.2
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 19 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"

Thursday, 20 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Armenia	CRC/C/28/Add.9
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Friday, 21 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Peru	CRC/C/65/Add.8
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Monday, 24 January	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Grenada	CRC/C/3/Add.55
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"

12. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

13. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the twenty-third session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 7. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

14. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 8. Methods of work of the Committee

15. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

16. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/40/Rev.14). The Committee will also have before it a note by the secretariat containing a compilation of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee at its first to twenty-second sessions (CRC/C/19/Rev.10).

Item 9. General comments

17. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention.

Item 10. Future meetings

18. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 11. Other matters

19. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

Item 12. Biennial report of the Committee on its activities

20. In accordance with article 44, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the Committee shall submit, every two years, reports on its activities to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council.

21. The biennial report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session will include the activities of the Committee at its eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third sessions.

Notes

[1] A revised version of the initial report of Niger submitted in 1994 (CRC/C/3/Add.29), which would take into account the general guidelines for reporting was requested for submission by the end of 1994.

[2] In response to a note verbale sent by the Government of Australia on 17 August 1999 requesting guidance on the periodicity of submission of its second periodic report, the Committee, by letter sent on 22 September 1999, invited the Australian authorities to submit a consolidated second and third periodic report by 15 January 2003.